

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A process for capturing at least one statistic or data regarding the operation of a report system, the process comprising:

gathering at least one statistic or data related to the operation of the report system; and

generating at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

2. The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the output to an end user.

3. The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the at least one gathered statistic or data.

4. The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of providing the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the report system in real-time.

5. The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of analyzing the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

a) a decision support technique; and

b) a decision support software.

6. The process according to claim 1, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

a) metadata usage;

- b) server data;
- c) concurrency data;
- d) overall system usage;
- e) individual user activity;
- 5 f) report usage data;
- g) report definition data;
- h) standard query language data;
- i) object usage data; and
- j) database usage data.

10 7. The process according to claim 1, further comprising the step of allocating costs of report system usage to a user of the report system based on the at least one output.

8. The process according to claim 1, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

9. The processing according to claim 1, further comprising the step of tuning the report system based on the at least one output.

15 10. A system for capturing at least one statistic or data regarding the operation a report system, the system comprising:

gathering means for gathering at least one statistic or data related to the operation of the

report system; and

generating means for generating at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

11. The system according to claim 10, further comprising transmission means for providing
5 the output to an end user.

12. The system according to claim 10, further comprising storage means for storing the at least one gathered statistic or data.

13. The system according to claim 10, further comprising transmission means for providing the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the report system in real-time.

14. The system according to claim 10, further comprising processor means for analyzing the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

- a) a decision support technique; and
- b) a decision support software.

15. The system according to claim 10, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

- a) metadata usage;
- b) server data;

- c) concurrency data;
- d) overall system usage;
- e) individual user activity;
- f) report usage data;
- 5 g) report definition data;
- h) standard query language data;
- i) object usage data; and
- j) database usage data.

16. The system according to claim 10, further comprising means for allocating costs of report system usage to a user of the report system based on the at least one output.

17. The system according to claim 10, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

18. The system according to claim 10, further comprising the step of tuning the report system based on the at least one output.

19. A medium storing code for causing a processor to capture at least one statistic or data

15 regarding the operation of a report system, the medium comprising:

code for causing a processor to gather at least one statistic or data related to the operation of the report system; and

code for causing a processor to generate at least one output based on the gathered at least one statistic or data.

20. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing a processor to provide the output to an end user.

21. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to store the at least one gathered statistic or data.

22. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to provide the output to an end user in real-time, enabling the end user to analyze the report system in real-time.

23. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to analyze the output, where analyzing the output comprises using at least one of:

- a) a decision support technique; and
- b) a decision support software.

24. The medium according to claim 19, where the at least one statistic or data is related to at least one of:

- a) metadata usage;
- b) server data;
- c) concurrency data;

- d) overall system usage;
- e) individual user activity;
- f) report usage data;
- g) report definition data;
- 5 h) standard query language data;
- i) object usage data; and
- j) database usage data.

25. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to allocate costs of report system usage to a user of the report system based on the at least one output.

26. The medium according to claim 19, wherein the reporting system is an OLAP system.

27. The medium according to claim 19, further comprising code for causing the processor to tune the report system based on the at least one output.